

re: AN ACT CONCERNING SOCIAL EQUITY AND THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND EDUCATION OF CHILDREN

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As an occupational therapist working in Connecticut's Birth to Three program it has been heartbreaking watching families have to decide if they can afford the services that are available for their child with a developmental delay. These services ensure a smooth transition to the public school and give a family the skills they need to help their child reach their potential.

My own son received Birth to Three services and it cost our family several hundred dollars a month even after being approved for a reduced fee. My family is one of the lucky ones that can afford Birth to Three and my son no longer requires speech therapy. Birth to Three services should be available to all of our residents no matter the cost.